

SPORTS

TEAM KIRTLAND volunteers at cross country nationals

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More than 40 people from Kirtland helped with the USA Track and Field's Junior Olympic Cross Country Nationals held in Bernalillo, Saturday.

The volunteers marked the course, monitored the track and patrolled the starting and finishing lines.

"This is the first time the nationals have been in New Mexico," said Tech. Sgt. Randall Dias, 58th Training Squadron. "I found out they needed volunteers through the local cross country team. I asked the students from the 58th Special Operations Wing and a few people I knew from the 377th if they'd like to help."

Randall said he welcomes volunteer opportunities for the students.

"We want to get them in the habit of volunteering before they head off to

their permanent duty station," he said.

Volunteers at the starting line helped athletes find their proper place and watched for any premature starts. Others were along the course made sure the runners stayed on track. The rest were at the finish line writing down times and proper placement of the winners.

"When you have to keep track of 100 to 300 kids per race, it's important there are enough people there to ensure that the race is fair and getting the times and places right," said Tech. Sgt. Randall.

The event featured 2,800 athletes and more than 10,000 spectators. The competition featured male and female "Athlete of the Meet" award winners, along with individual and team champions in all 10 age divisions.

"I enjoyed being around all the kids, they had so much energy," said Senior Airman Rachelle Moody, 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron. "Plus it was really nice to get away from the city and get some fresh air."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Laura Holzer

Tech. Sgt. Randall Dias, 58th Training Squadron, monitors the finish line as runners come in. The top 25 runners are considered all-american. Volunteers at the finish line were needed to ensure the runners' proper placing and time.

MOVIES

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Tonight

7 p.m., Brother Bear

Joaquin Pheonix, Jeremy Suarez

Kenia, a young Native American's older brother, is killed by a bear. During the young man's attempt to avenge his death by killing the bear, the Great Spirits transform the young man into the thing he detests most, a bear.

Rated G (mild language, thematic elements) 85 min

9:30 p.m., Scary Movie 3

Anna Faris, Charlie Sheen

Cindy has graduated from college and now works as a local television reporter. While investigating mysterious crop circles at the farm of Tom Logan, she learns that she is "The One" and helps the President of the United States prevent an alien invasion.

Rated PG-13 (pervasive crude & sexual humor, language, comic violence, drug references) 90 min

Tomorrow

1 p.m., Elf

James Caan, Will Ferrell

Buddy, a human raised in the North Pole to be an elf, wreaks havoc in the elf community due to his size. Buddy heads to New York City to find his place in the world and track down his father. But life in the big city is not all sugarplums and candy canes. It's up to Buddy and his simple elf ways to win over his family, realize his destiny, and, ultimately, save Christmas for New York and the world.

Rated PG (rude humor, language) 93 min

1 p.m., The Matrix Revolutions

Keanu Reeves, Carrie Ann Moss

The rebels' long quest for freedom culminates in a final explosive battle. As the Machine Army wages devastation on Zion, its citizens amount an aggressive defense-but can they stave off the relentless swarm of Sentinels long enough for Neo to harness the full extent of his powers and end the war?

Rated R (Sci-Fi violence, sexuality) 111 min

Dec. 21

7 p.m., Runaway Jury

John Cusack, Gene Hackman

Wendell Rohr is a torts lawyer taking on the gun lobby. Rankin Fitch is the jury consultant for the Defendants and between them the battle is for the hearts and minds of the jury. But there is someone on the inside. Nicholas Easter is a juror with a girlfriend, Marlee, on the outside. They have a past and their own agenda.

Rated PG-13 (violence, language and thematic elements) 127 min

Dec. 22-25

Closed

Dec. 26

7 p.m., Elf

9:30 p.m., The Matrix Revolutions

Dec. 27

7 p.m., Love Actually



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Brother Bear

Dec. 28

7 p.m., Radio

Cuba Gooding Jr., Ed Harris

Based on a Sports Illustrated article, Radio tells the true story of

a white football coach at a South Carolina school who befriends a mentally challenged African-American man. Through this

friendship, both the school and team are changed.

Rated PG (mild language, thematic elements) 93 min

Dec. 29 - Nov. 1

Closed